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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, CASC

SUBJECT: OXY DISPUTE WITH LARG

1. PROBLEM OF LIMITATION ON TRAVEL OF OXY EMPLOYEES' FAMILIES AND TRIPOLI BASED EMPLOYEE IS NOW SUPERCEDING ISSUE OF FIELD WORKERS ROTATION. FORTHCOMING SCHOOL VACATIONS, NORMAL DESIRES TO TRAVEL AND IMPATIENCE AT NOT BEING ENTIRELY FREE TO GET UP AND GO ARE BOUND TO GENERATE NEW PRESSURE. AFTER FRI-SAT WEEKEND WE INTENT TO PRESS FOREIGN MINISTRY FURTHER FOR RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS IN THIS PROBLEM AREA. (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD SPECIAL CASE OF MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD HEBERT HAS BEEN SETTLED AND THEY ARE DEPARTING LIBYA THIS AFTERNOON.)

2. OXY LIBYA PRES ESPEY WILL BE IN LONDON THIS EVENING FOR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH LIBYAN NEGOTIATORS. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO HIM EMBASSY'S READINESS AT ALL TIMES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN NEEDING IT--REGARDLESS OF HOW FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY WE BECOME AWARE OF THE NEED. HE INTENDS IN TURN TO TRY TO EXPLAIN THIS TO OXY PRES BAIRD, WHO COULD HAVE A FIXED IDEA THAT EMBASSY REQUIRES INDIVIDUAL CASES DOCUMENTED IN WRITING BEFORE EMBASSY WILL ACT. (ESPEY RECALLS THAT IN FIRST ROUND IN NEW YORK WHEN BAIRD

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RAISED ISSUE OF EMPLOYEES TRAVEL, OMAR MUNTASSER CURTLY

REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER BETWEEN STATE DEPT  
AND LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND HE WOULD NOT  
DISCUSS IT.) HAVE GIVEN ESPEY KINSOLVING'S NAME AS  
POINT OF CONTACT IN LONDON EMBASSY.

3. OXY AMERICAN FIELD SUPERVISOR AT PUMPING STATION  
TOLD US OCT 23 DURING OUR DAILY DISCUSSION BY PHONE  
THAT ROTATION OF FIELD WORKERS APPEARS TO BE WORKING.  
ONZAMERICAN RETURNED TO FIELD YESTERDAY FROM OUT OF  
COUNTRY BREAK AND SEVERAOLMORE ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN  
TODAY. TWO WORKERS LEFT FIELD THIS MORNING FOR TRIPOLI  
ENROUTE OUT OF COUNTRY ON FIELD BREAK AND MORE ARE  
EXPECTED TO DEPART OVER WEEKEND.

4. MORALE REMAINS A PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD IN PART  
BECAUSE THERE ARE TOO MANY WORKERS THERE NOW, AND SOME  
CREWS ARE DOUBLE STAFFED. SOME MEN CONTINUE TO SAY  
THEY WILL QUIT AS SOON AS THEY DEPART LIBYA ON FIELD  
BREAK. HOWEVER, NUMBER WHO WOULD IN FACT QUIT IS  
ESTIMATED TO BE QUITE LOW BY OUR CONTACT. POLICE  
DETACHMENT IN FIELD HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED.  
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